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SENATOR ALLARD PRAISES BRAC DECISION CONFIRMING PLAN TO MOVE 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION COMBAT BRIGADE TO FORT CARSON

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) on Wednesday praised the Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) vote in support of the Pentagon's decision to station an Army 4th Infantry Division combat brigade and headquarters team at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs.

"This is something I've been working on since I came to the United States Senate by providing military construction funding for the growth and improvement of Fort Carson," Senator Allard said.

"I am pleased the BRAC recognized the value of this facility, and the potential it has for strengthening the Army's training and mobilization capacity," he said.

"This is outstanding news for Fort Carson, Colorado Springs and the entire state," Senator Allard said. "I also want to extend a warm welcome to those soldiers and their families who will be transferring to Colorado. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I am going to make sure we have the training facilities, housing and other amenities needed to accommodate these new soldiers at Fort Carson."

In July, Senator Allard secured \$70.6 million for improvements at Fort Carson, including \$14.6 million to continue work on a troop deployment facility (at Peterson Air Force Base), \$25 million for the barracks complex, \$28 million for the Combined Arms Collective Training Facility and \$2.5 million for two urban combat training centers, one for regular troops and one for Special Forces. This funding is in addition to the \$26 million Senator Allard obtained for the construction of new barracks at Fort Carson in the 2005 Supplemental Appropriations bill enacted in May.